

### REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 22-35 and 37-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite, reasoning that these claims are dependent upon canceled claims. The Examiner stated that "should applicants claim the dependencies to non-canceled claims for these objected to claims this situation would be resolved." Applicants have amended claims 22-35 and 37-40 to depend from non-canceled claims. Thus, all of the pending claims fully comply with § 112, second paragraph.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments, Applicants submit that the Examiner's rejections under § 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn. Claims 21-40 are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

This is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed on February 20, 2002.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

22. (Amended) The cement composition of claim [1] 21 wherein said calcium aluminate cement has an alumina content of about 80% by weight of said cement.

23. (Amended) The cement composition of claim [1] 21 wherein said set accelerating additive is a lithium salt selected from the group consisting of lithium chloride, lithium carbonate, lithium sulfate and lithium hydroxide.

24. (Amended) The cement composition of claim [1] 21 wherein said lithium salt is lithium chloride.

25. (Amended) The cement composition of claim [1] 21 wherein said set accelerating additive is present in said composition in an amount in the range of from about 0.1% to about 1% by weight of cement therein.

26. (Twice Amended) The cement composition of claim [1] 21 wherein said retarder is selected from the group consisting of citric acid, gluconic acid and tartaric acid.

27. (Twice Amended) The cement composition of claim [1] 21 wherein said retarder is citric acid.

28. (Twice Amended) The cement composition of claim [1] 21 wherein said retarder is present in said composition in an amount in the range of from about 0.5% to about 2% by weight of cement therein.

29. (Amended) The cement composition of claim [1] 21 wherein said water is selected from the group consisting of fresh water and salt water.

30. (Amended) The cement composition of claim [1] 21 wherein said water is present in said composition in an amount in the range of from about 40% to about 50% by weight of cement therein.

31. (Amended) The cement composition of claim [1] 21 wherein said gas is selected from the group consisting of air and nitrogen.

32. (Amended) The cement composition of claim [1] 21 wherein said gas is nitrogen.

33. (Amended) The cement composition of claim [1] 21 wherein said gas is present in said composition in an amount sufficient to foam said composition to a density in the range of from about 10 to about 12 pounds per gallon.

34. (Amended) The cement composition of claim [1] 21 wherein said mixture of foam forming and foam stabilizing surfactants in said composition comprises an alcohol ether sulfate ethoxylated with from about 3 to about 10 moles of ethylene oxide, an alkyl or alkene amidopropylbetaine and an alkyl or alkene amidopropyl dimethylamine oxide.

35. (Amended) The cement composition of claim [1] 21 wherein said mixture of foaming and foam stabilizing surfactants is present in said cement composition in an amount in the range of from about 1% to about 4% by weight of water in said composition.

37. (Amended) The cement composition of claim [16] 36 wherein said set accelerating additive is lithium chloride.

38. (Amended) The cement composition of claim [16] 36 wherein said retarder is citric acid.

39. (Amended) The cement composition of claim [16] 36 wherein said water is salt water.

40. (Amended) The cement composition of claim [16] 36 wherein said mixture of foam forming and foam stabilizing surfactants comprises said ethoxylated alcohol ether sulfate in an amount in the range of from about 60 to about 64 parts by weight, said alkyl or alkene amidopropylbetaine in an amount in the range of from about 30 to about 33 parts by weight and said alkyl or alkene amidopropyldimethylamine oxide in an amount in the range of from about 3 to about 10 parts by weight.